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in Shumen Area

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Rifle Regiment. Podelenie

1. Until the spring of 1951 (probably 1953 is meant), Rifle Regiment, Podelenie [redacted] had its headquarters in Shumen, and was located in the former barracks of 7 Rifle Regiment between Georgi Dimitrov and Pliska Avenues at Gurgulyat Street. [redacted]

(See Appendix A

Personnel

2. Rifle Regiment, Podelenie [] strength 370-375 men, had the following headquarters officers:

a. Lieutenant Colonel Marinov, Regimental Commander

b. Captain Dragoshtinov, Political officer of the regiment

c. First Lieutenant Khristov, in charge of the DSNM (Dimitrovski Soyuz na Narodnata Mladezh: Dimitrov's Union of the People's Youth) groups [redacted]

d. Captain Stoyanov. Regimental doctor

e. First Lieutenant Angelov, Veterinary surgeon

f. Starshina Delchev. Doctor's assistant

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3. The 1 Battalion consisted of two rifle companies, each with a strength of 72 men. Each company had three platoons of three squads each. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] officers:

- a. First Lieutenant Adamov, Commanding officer of 1 Battalion [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
- b. First Lieutenant Atanasov, Commanding officer of 1 Company, 1 Battalion; [redacted] 25X1
- c. Second Lieutenant Kochev, Leader of 2 Platoon, 1 Company [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
- d. Second Lieutenant Genadiev, Leader of 1 Platoon, 1 Company [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
- e. Second Lieutenant Iliev, Leader of 3 Platoon, 1 Company [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
- f. First Lieutenant Petrov, Commanding Officer of 2 Company, 1 Battalion; [redacted] 25X1
- g. Second Lieutenant Ivanov, Leader of 2 Platoon, 2 Company [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1

4. [redacted] units:

- a. The 2 Battalion, consisting of one heavy machine gun company, strength 70 men, and one unidentified company, strength 72 men; the commander of 2 Battalion was First Lieutenant Nikolov;
- b. A mortar and artillery battery, strength 42 men; the commanding officer was Major Glinkov [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
- c. A communications platoon, strength 25 men; and
- d. A supply platoon, strength 20 men; the commanding officer was First Lieutenant Mite [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1

Equipment

- 5. Rifle Regiment, Podelenie [redacted] was armed with the following: 25X1
 - a. Vintovka rifles, 1930 model;
 - b. Shpagin 7.62 mm. submachine guns (issued to squad leaders);
 - c. Bulgarian-made carbines (issued to soldiers in the mortar and artillery batteries, communications platoon and heavy machine gun company);
 - d. Degtyarev 7.62 mm. light machine guns (one issued to each rifle squad);
 - e. Maksim Sokolov heavy machine guns; light and heavy mortars; Bulgarian-made cylindrical assault and defensive grenades, handle type; and
 - f. Three field guns, barrel length about 1.5 meters, to be drawn by four horses each.

The regiment has seven horse-carts and 40 horses. There are no other transport vehicles.

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Activities

6. In June 1951, Rifle Regiment, Podelenie [] moved from its encampment 25X1
4-5 kilometers east of Shumen, to Preslav for about a month. [] 25X1

7. Approximately 30 sentries are sent daily from the regiment to guard ammunition dumps at "Ilchov Bayur", located in a wooded area about three kilometers west 25X1
of the regimental barracks. The dump area is surrounded by three parallel strands of barbed wire and it is forbidden to approach within 200 meters of the area. The dump contains about ten 1-story, 10 x 8 meter buildings.
8. Sentries are posted at the entrance gates, weapon depots and buildings of the mortar and artillery battery. At night there are sentries at the dormitories. Sentry duty is maintained by 3-man teams on 2-hour watches. Sentries are issued 60 cartridges by the OD and return the unused cartridges to him.

Recall of Reserves

9. In April 1953, [] five to six First Lieutenants and Senior First 25X1
Lieutenants report for reserve duty with Rifle Regiment, Podelenie [] 25X1
[] they would receive two months' training.

Unidentified Division Headquarters

10. An unidentified divisional headquarters is located at the eastern side of the barracks of the Rifle Regiment, Podelenie [] and housed in a 3-story, 20 25X1
x 10 meter building. [] the
division commander was Colonel Dupinov [] 25X1

Ammunition Dump

11. There is an ammunition dump at a hill called "Chalĭk Tepe" located two 25X1
kilometers north of Shumen. [] 25X1

Artillery Officer Candidate School

12. There is an artillery OCS located 8-10 meters south of the barracks of Rifle Regiment, Podelenie [] It is housed in five or six 80 x 20 meter 25X1
buildings. The buildings are 2, 3 and 4-stories high. The school first opened in September or October 1952. [] 25X1
gimnaziya graduates are accepted for training as artillery officers. There are about 300 students at the school.

13. Students wear the following uniforms;

- a. Blue breeches;
- b. Blue open-collar jackets with a white belt;
- c. Red caps;
- d. White gloves;
- e. "X"-shaped gilt collar insignias; and
- f. "X"-shaped gilt insignias on gilt-piped, blue epaulets.

The instructors wear regular artillery officers' uniforms.

14. An unidentified unit, Podelenie 100300, is stationed in Shumen.

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Legend for Appendix A

NOTE: Not to scale.

1. Harnessroom.
2. Stable
3. Hay barn
4. Watering trough for horses
5. Lavatory
6. Two-story 30 x 8 meter building; the first floor is a carpentry shop; the second floor is used as a dormitory
7. Unidentified division headquarters
8. Officers' club
9. Playing field
10. Food storage depot
11. Laundry
12. Lavatory
13. Two-story building; the first floor contains the canteen and food depots; the second floor contains a dormitory
14. Two-story building; kitchens and the mess hall are on the first floor; a dormitory is on the second floor.
15. Sentry room
16. Storehouse
17. Two-story infirmary building
18. Ordnance depot
19. Ordnance depot
- A. Georgi Dimitrov Boulevard
- B. Gurgulyat Street
- C. Pliska Avenue

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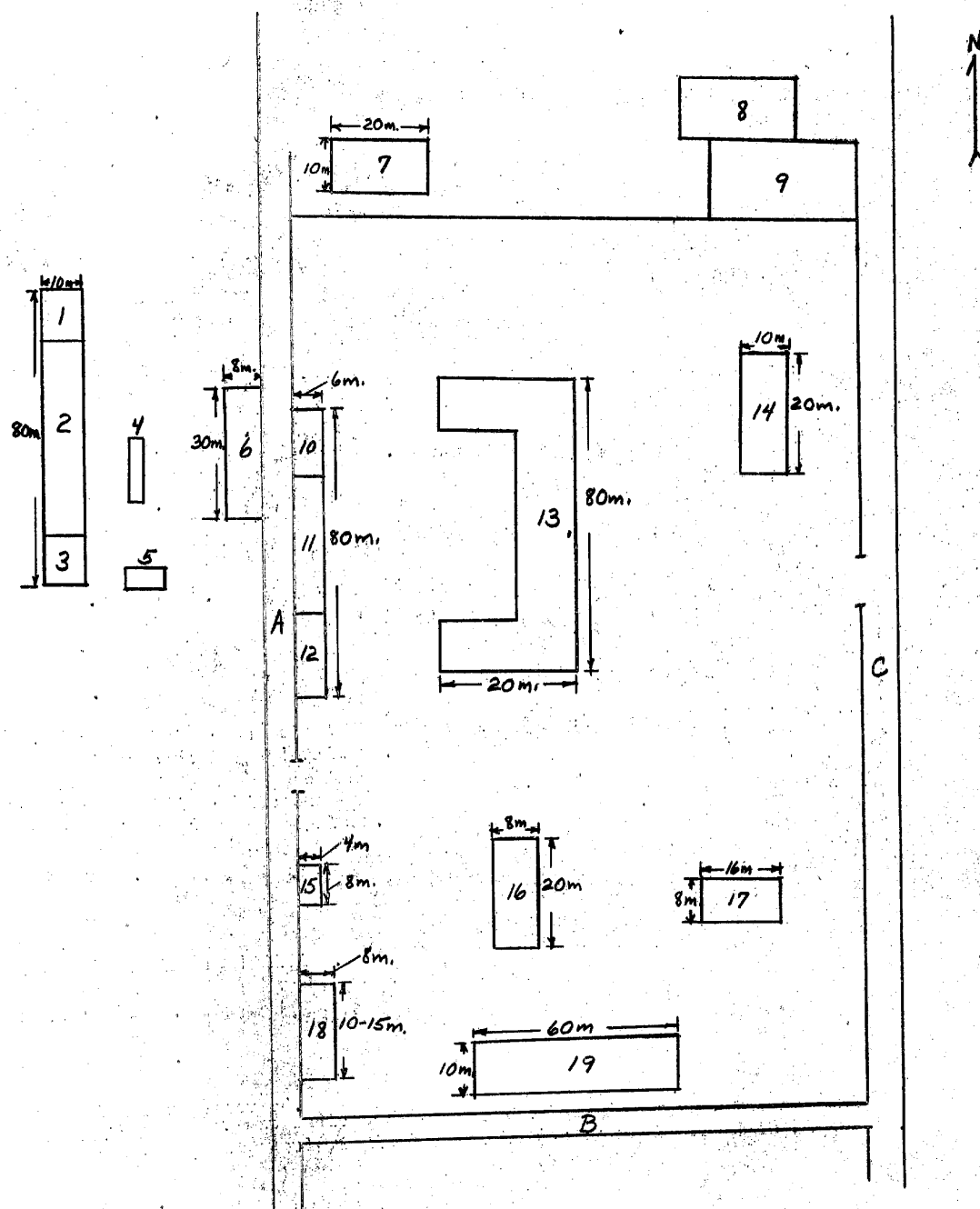
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Government Buildings in Sveti Vrach

1. Militia headquarters in Sveti Vrach are located approximately 500 meters northwest of the Bistritsa stream in the southern part of the city. They occupy a 2-story whitewashed brick building, 10 x 20 meters in size.
2. The Okoliya People's Council is located on Gotse Delchev Street, beside Georgi Dimitrov Square, in the center of the city, and occupies a new, 2-story, white-washed brick building with a 20meter frontage; there is a small balcony on the second floor. A new church is under construction approximately 200 meters west of this building.
3. The People's Bank is located on Sandanski Street, approximately 100-150 meters south of the city park, and occupies a blue-colored, 2-story brick building with a frontage of approximately 25 meters.
4. The central post office is located on Georgi Dimitrov Square. The Bistritsa stream passes approximately 300 meters east of the post office, which is housed in a 2-story building which is grey and has a frontage of approximately 15 meters. Parcel post and ordinary mail sections are located on the first floor; telephone, telegraph, and registry sections are situated on the second floor.
5. The headquarters of the Okoliya and Town Committees of the Communist Party are located on the eastern side of Georgi Dimitrov Square, in the center of the city, and are housed in an old, grey brick, 2-story building, 30 x 15 meters in size.

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Government Officials and Active Communists in Sveti Vrach

25X1 6. [redacted] officials and active Communists in Sveti Vrach:

25X1 a. DELEV (fnu)¹, chief of the Sveti Vrach Okoliya People's Council [redacted]

25X1 b. Micho Matsin (lnu) [redacted]

25X1 c. Angel Khristov (lnu) [redacted]

25X1 d. Dimităr TERZHIEV [redacted]

Miscellaneous Economic Information on Sveti Vrach Okoliya

7. A hydro-electric plant is located 2-3 kilometers east of Sveti Vrach.
8. Approximately 30-40 percent of the land in the Sveti Vrach Okoliya has been collectivized.
9. The Sofia - General Todorov rail line is single-track, standard-gauge. The General Todorov - Petrich line is narrow gauge. A single-track crosses an iron bridge 100 meters in length located approximately 500 meters south of General Todorov, in the direction of Petrich.

Factories in Sofia

25X1 9. [redacted] factories in Sofia:

- a. A sugar factory, located on the Sofia - Radomir railroad line, in the western part of Sofia;
- b. The "Voroshilov" radio apparatus factory, located 500-600 meters east of the sugar factory;
- c. The "Galenus" pharmaceutical factory, located approximately 500 meters east of the "Voroshilov" factory, housed in a 3-story building with an 80-meter frontage; and
- d. The "Deveti Septemvriy" shoe factory, located on Deveti Septemvriy Boulevard on the Knyazhevo streetcar line.

New Workers' Housing in Sofia

- 25X1 10. From November 1949 to October 1950, [redacted] construction of a workers' residence on "Deveti Septemvriy" Boulevard, on the Knyazhevo streetcar line. Other workers' residences and a football field are located in the vicinity.
11. The building was constructed by the "Stroyobedinenie" state construction company. It is a 4-story, brick and concrete building, 80 x 40 meters in size. The actual construction work was completed in September 1950. About 60 paid laborers worked in one 8-hour shift on the building. No work was done on Sundays and holidays. Common laborers received 12-15 leva per day. Only Bulgarian engineers worked on the project.

- 25X1 1. [redacted] Comment: [redacted] Ivan DELEV was the Political Secretary of the Sveti Vrach Communist Party and deputy to the National Assembly in 1952; Galcho VASILEV is given as chief of the Okoliya People's Council.

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Miscellaneous Trudovak Information

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1. [redacted] Trudovak Company, Podelenie [redacted] located in Voden (N 42-05, E 26-53), Elkhovo Okoliya, which was subordinate to Trudovak Battalion, Podelenie [redacted] located in Elkhovo. This battalion was subordinate to Trudovak Brigade, Podelenie [redacted] located in Sliven.

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2. [redacted] personnel of Trudovak Company, Podelenie [redacted]

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- a. Senior First Lieutenant KHEISTOV (fnu), commander of the company [redacted]

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- b. Starshina MINDEV (fnu), in charge of the Supply Section [redacted]

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3. The Trudovak company was composed of approximately 60 men. The men were divided into three work groups.

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4. The headquarters of the company were located in a 2-story village house in the northern sector of Voden village. The supply depot of the company was located on the ground floor of a village house located approximately 100 meters north of company headquarters. The supply depot contained 5-6 rifles used by the night sentries and articles of clothing. The men were billeted in private homes in the village.

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5. The company was engaged in cleaning and camouflaging fortifications around Voden.

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